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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Before initiating an examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the paper copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted herewith, to the specification.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 4, line 32 and continuing to page 5, line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

no change  
Be cont'd - Figures 1a and 1b of the accompanying drawings set out amino acid and nucleic acid sequences of part of the HBV surface region encompassing the "a" determinant. Figure 1b of the drawings as filed is a typescript version of Figure 1a. In each of Figures 1a and 1b:  
Line 1 sets out recognized amino acid variants of subtype adyw (SEQ ID NO:1); Line 2 sets out the consensus amino acid sequence of subtype adyw (SEQ ID NO:2); Line 3 sets out the consensus nucleic acid sequence of subtype adyw (SEQ ID NO:3); Line 4 sets out recognized